(d) what benefits would accrue to Government by take-over of Dabhol Power Project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

**Counter guarantees by Centre for Phase-II of Dabhol Power Project**

1139. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Electricity Authority had advised the MSEB that it should not proceed with the 1400 MW, Phase-II of the Dabhol Power Project before making sure that there was a demand for so much power;

(b) whether the Centre has given no counter guarantees for the Phase-II of this project; and

(c) if so, what are Government's views on this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) The concurrence given by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) to the Dabhol Power Project, stipulated, *inter-alia*, that Phase-II of the project could be taken up only after MSEB/Government of Maharashtra ensured absorption of the entire power including the off-peak power in or outside Maharashtra.

(b) and (c) The Government of India (GoI) has given counter guarantee only to Phase-I (740 MW) of the Dabhol Power Project.

**Winding up of Enron**

†1140. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.